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# ANNUAL REPORT.

## VALUATION OF THE TOWN, APRIL 1, 1881.

Estate, personal and real,	\$564,619 00
290 polls,	29,000 00
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	\$593,619 00

Rate of taxation, \$1.15 per hundred dollars.

Amount required by law and vote of the town as follows:—

State tax,	\$1376 00
County tax,	1005 47
Schools,	1800 00
Cemetery repairs,	100 00
Ordinary town charges,	2500 00
Town library,	25 00
Percentage,	21 27
Dogs,	63 00
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	\$6890 74

## ORDERS ISSUED.

### ORDINARY TOWN CHARGES.

Benjamin H. Fisher, driving hearse,	\$21 50
Fred J. Marvin, services as town clerk,	25 00
E. A. Turner, " " treasurer,	45 00
E. A. Huntley, " " selectman,	100 00
C. S. Egerton, " " "	80 00
E. A. Huntley, " " moderator,	5 00
E. M. Smith, " " "	2 50
John Hopkins, care of town hall,	1 00
A. N. Swain, printing town reports,	20 00
Russell Tinker, services as selectman,	82 00
John F. Dickey, " auditor,	2 00

D. F. Brown, services as supervisor,	3 00
Alden S. Thurston, " "	8 00
William R. Howard, " "	1 50
Aiken Gilmore, " "	8 00
A. R. Emerson, overseer of poor and incidentals,	32 00
John F. Dickey, services as supervisor,	16 40
A. R. Emerson, " auditor,	2 00
H. A. Lovell, " "	2 00
C. S. Egerton, order book,	3 50
E. C. Eastman, surveyors' books, etc.	6 15
Dr. C. A. Allen, record of births and deaths,	1 75
W. H. Spalter, record book,	4 00
Dr. S. T. Smith, record of births and deaths,	2 50
George A. Messer, abatement of tax,	27
David O. Nash, " "	16
C. W. Linsley, " "	1 00
Whitney Breed, services as selectman, " pro tem,"	3 00
F. J. Chandler, " " "	3 00
Henry W. Porter, abatement of tax,	1 15
John Hopkins, setting glass, town hall,	2 00
E. M. Smith, discount on taxes collected before July 1,	43 72
A. S. Thurston, expenses selling Kingsbury farm and taxes paid,	25 00
E. A. Huntley, cash paid for stationery and incidentals,	15 51
Charles Fisher, running town lines,	3 25
Jotham Ryder, driving hearse, in part,	13 00
Charles Shepard, abatement of taxes,	35 36
L. K. Osborn, abatement of tax for watering trough,	2 00
L. W. Dinsmore, " " " "	2 00
Roscoe E. Gates, " " " "	1 50
H. P. Ware, work on railing and cutting pipe,	4 13
E. A. Huntley, cash paid for stationery, etc.,	2 69
E. A. Huntley, cash paid for nails, expenses to Keene, and team to Walpole, etc.,	11 74
John S. Walker, for watering trough,	3 00
John G. Turner, abatement of poll tax,	1 15
George A. Mayo, services as school committee,	54 00



E. M. Smith, abatement of taxes,	14 92
E. M. Smith, services as collector,	75 00
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	\$793 35

### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Eugene M. Angier, breaking roads,	2 10
F. O. Cady,                               “	4 68
W. I. Taylor, work on highway,	11 28
Wadleigh Goodhue, breaking roads,	2 00
Charles Washburn,                   “	2 38
Myron D. Clark                       “	1 50
Merrill J. Kidder,                   “	1 08
James, L. Nash,                       “	5 33
Thomas Garrity,                       “	6 78
O. P. Cross,                           “	1 62
John P. Kemp,                         “	1 60
Charles F. French,                   “	5 76
George Pratt,                         “	4 31
Charles H. Lucas,                   “	6 48
Eli Washburn,                       “	4 00
Phillip B. Tuttle,                   “	3 60
George Stearns, work on highway,	5 00
E. A. Leonard, bridge plank,	2 09
E. A. Leonard, working non-resident highway tax,	2 19
John D. Holmes, bridge plank,	83 84
F. A. Bolster, breaking roads,	2 85
Willard S. Cady, turning pins for bridge,	1 65
Sanford Granger, use of capstan and jacks for raising bridge,	4 80
Peletiah Clark, work on highway,	15 90
Austin E. Smith, breaking roads,	2 75
John F. Dickey, work on bridge,	18 75
John D. Holmes, lumber for bridge,	22 41
Francis Phillips, work on highway,	7 00
E. A. Huntley, cash paid for paints and oils and work on bridge,	5 00

Zenas Foster, work on highway,	3 30
James D. Smith, “	5 30
Fred L. Prentiss, pipe for railing,	7 28
F. A. Bolster, working non-resident highway tax,	9 06
William F. Mason, work on highway,	3 00
C. A. & F. D. Messer, bridge plank,	9 80
E. P. Hatch, breaking roads,	3 00
F. O. Cady, stringers for bridge and work,	5 00
Peletiah Clark, lumber for bridge,	1 62
J. P. Forristall, “ and railing,	52 60
Michael Murphy, work repairing wall and barway,	3 00
S. L. & A. A. Woodward, work and lumber for railing,	6 60
Jones Caldwell, work on bridge, etc.,	4 00
W. R. Howard, lumber for bridge,	16 63
William Atwood, work on highway,	5 00
W. McRoy, work on bridge,	35
James L. Nash, stringers for bridge,	2 50
James L. Nash, breaking roads,	2 68
Edgar A. Leonard, “	4 18
Charles Washburn, repairing bridge,	50
F. O. Cady, breaking roads,	11 10
William Atwood, “	5 00
Erastus Smith, “	2 04
William F. Mason, “	11 70
Herbert S. Weeks, work on bridge,	1 70
James L. Nash, breaking roads,	18 24
Andrew J. Chandler “	10 37
Mary J. Angier, “	1 75
H. W. Allen, “	15 84
Josiah B. Fay, “	2 00
Josiah B. Fay, work on highway and plank,	4 35
Charles H. Lucas, breaking roads,	4 74
Charles H. Wilder, “	2 75
Andrew Morrison, work on bridge,	10 00
Harvey Washburn, work on highway,	1 50

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 \$487 21



## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Dist. No. 1, Stephen Slade, committee,	\$129 02
2, Thomas Garrity, "	112 05
3, Myron D. Clark, "	98 33
4, H. A. Lovell, "	440 56
5, Charles H. Wilder, "	180 32
6, Frank M. Forristall, "	115 07
7, Frank W. Clark, "	140 31
8, E. P. Kidder, "	101 13
9, Sewall J. Carter, "	28 00
10, Miss Abbie M. Kidder, "	73 24
11, W. I. Taylor, "	101 13
12, John N. Hodskins, Jr., "	122 50
13, George A. Lakin, "	97 48
Union Dist., Alvah W. Smith, "	45 00
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	\$1784 14

## COUNTY PAUPERS.

Mary Emerson and children,	\$52 00
Mehitable Miller,	52 00
William and Persis Horton,	78 00
Samuel D. Gee,	94 03
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	276 03

## TOWN PAUPERS.

C. E. Wilson, house rent,	\$20 00
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## SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS AND INSURANCE.

Clarence M. Huntley, repairs house Dist. No. 12,	\$65 00
Geo. E. Newman, repairs house Dist. No. 10,	123 00
S. A. Mitchell, stove and school house insurance,	35 00
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	\$223 00

## DAMAGE BY DOGS.

Azel Hatch, sheep killed by dogs,	\$5 00
J. R. Crossett, " "	3 00
George Hatch, " "	5 00
Charles Washburn, " "	10 00
George Pratt, " "	3 00
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	\$26 00

## INTEREST ON TOWN NOTE.

Sylvester Burroughs, interest on note,	\$18 00
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## ALSTEAD VILLAGE FIRE DISTRICT.

John F. Dickey, cash paid for engine and house,	\$500 00
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## CEMETERY REPAIRS.

John Hopkins, work in cemetery,	\$8 50
Alba M. Bragg, " " "	91 50
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	\$100 00

## BOUNTY ON HAWKS AND CROWS.

E. A. Huntley, cash paid for bounty,	\$5 60
A. H. Burge, bounty on crows,	50
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	\$6 10

## RECAPITULATION.

Orders for ordinary town charges,	\$793 35
" " highways and bridges,	487 21
" " support of schools,	1784 14
" " county paupers,	276 03
" " town paupers,	20 00
" " school house insurance and repairs,	223 00
" " interest on town note,	18 00

" "	cemetery repairs,	100 00
" "	Alstead Village fire district,	500 00
" "	bounty on hawks and crows,	6 10
" "	damage by dogs,	26 00
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		\$4233 83

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### RECEIPTS.

Cash reported in treasury March 1, 1881.	\$1128 04
Eunice Cheever note,	100 00
County pauper claim,	243 50
Warrant delivered to E. M. Smith, collector,	6890 74
" " " school Dist. No. 12,	30 73
" " " " " 10,	128 00
" " " " " 5,	36 32
" " " Alstead Village fire	
Dist.,	514 98
Received from sale of Kingsbury farm,	350 00
" from sale of lumber,	5 45
" savings tax,	1265 95
" literary fund,	98 47
" non-resident highway taxes,	29 04
" interest on taxes,	18 34
" orders for damage by dogs, unpaid,	21 00
" state bounty on hawks,	6 00
Discount on orders for damage by dogs,	3 50
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	\$10870 06

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### EXPENDITURES.

Paid county tax,	\$1005 47
" state tax,	1376 00
" town bonds,	1800 00
" coupons attached to bonds paid,	30 00
" " due July 1, 1880,	15 00
" " " Jan. 1, 1881,	138 00
" " " July 1, 1881,	328 50
" " " Jan. 1, 1882,	276 00



" orders issued since March 1, 1881,	4233 83
" orders issued previous to March 1, 1881,	164 02
Eunice Cheever note,	100 00
Cash in treasury March 1, 1882,	1403 24
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	\$10870 06

#### INDEBTEDNESS, 1882.

Town notes,	\$300 00
Town bonds,	10450 00
Interest on town bonds March 1, 1882,	104 50
Due school districts,	174 05
Due town library,	25 00
Fund from Kingsbury estate,	606 60
Orders unpaid,	21 00
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	\$11681 15

#### ASSETS.

Eunice Cheever note,	\$118 00
Due from county on pauper claim,	119 28
Bridge lumber,	70 00
Cash in treasury March 1, 1882,	1403 24
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	\$1710 52
Balance of indebtedness March 1, 1882,	9970 63
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	\$11681 15
Balance of indebtedness March 1, 1881,	\$11909 47
Balance of indebtedness March 1, 1882,	9970 63
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Reduction of indebtedness the past year,	\$1938 84

The undersigned, a board of auditors chosen by the town of Alstead, to examine the accounts of the officers of said town, hereby certify that we have attended to the duty assigned to us, and find the accounts of the Selectmen properly cast and balanced and with proper vouchers therefor.

HENRY A. LOVELL, } *Auditors of Accts. for*  
A. R. EMERSON, } *the town of Alstead.*

March 2, 1882.

## ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 1882.

State tax,	\$1376 00
County tax,	1000 00
School tax,	1800 00
Ordinary town charges, debt and interest,	2500 00
Repairing highways and bridges,	1200 00

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. HUNTLEY,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
C. S. EGERTON,	
ANDREW MORRISON,	

*of*  
*Alstead.*

# REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF ALSTEAD, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 14, 1882.

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DISTRICT No. 1. First term.—Credit is due teacher and scholars for a good work accomplished through perseverance. Second term.—The reputation of the former term was well sustained. Register not returned.

DIST. No. 2. First term.—While the schools of this district may partially succeed, the want of harmony is a barrier to results fully satisfactory. Second term.—Order prevailed, and the measure of success attained was due largely to the guidance of an experienced teacher. Register not received.

DIST. No. 3. First term.—Length of school, 8 weeks; number of pupils, 5; average, 4.8. We were well satisfied with the progress made by this little school. Second term.—Length of school, 12.4 weeks; number of pupils, 6; average, 4. The teacher came well recommended, was accomplished, faithful and devoted to her work. An effort should be made to retain such teachers, and let all others look elsewhere for employment.

DIST. No. 5. The first term succeeded quite well. The second would have been more satisfactory had strict order been maintained. There is here too much work for a young teacher however faithful.

The work of the third term was chiefly directed to arithmetic and grammar, which were taught in a thorough and practical manner. Greater restraint would have promoted the good of the school. Register not received.

DIST. No. 6. First term.—Length of school, 8 weeks; number of pupils, 13; average, 12. Second term.—Length of school, 14 weeks; number of pupils, 13; average, 11.22. This school was well conducted, and made commendable progress during both terms.

DIST. No. 7. First term.—Length of school, 8 weeks; number of pupils, 9; average, 8.92. Increased vitality would



have rendered the term more successful, yet it was not without good results. Second term—Length of school, 8 weeks; number of pupils, 13; average, 12.2. Average improvement was apparent. Third term—Length of school, 10 weeks; number of pupils, 9; average, 7.4. A creditable appearance was made at the examination.

DIST. NO. 8. First term—Length of school, 8.8 weeks; number of pupils, 9; average, 8.6. Second term—Length of school, 16 weeks; number of pupils, 11; average, 9. Those scholars who were regular in attendance made excellent progress.

DIST. NO. 9. First term—Length of school, 6 weeks; number of pupils, 2; average, 2. It is praiseworthy that no marks of tardiness or absence mar the register. Second term now in session, with satisfactory indications of a prosperous school, and a good degree of improvement.

DIST. NO. 10. First term—Length of school 7 weeks; number of pupils, 5; average, 5, nearly. Favorable results were attained. Second term—Length of school, 9 weeks; number of pupils, 4; average, 4, nearly. This little school was full of energy. Promptness and accuracy were conspicuous.

DIST. NO. 11. First term—Length of school, 7 weeks; number of pupils, 8; average, 7.85. Concluding exercises satisfactory, and school well conducted. Second term—Length of school, 11 weeks; number of pupils, 11; average, 10.89. Composition writing received considerable attention and some of the productions were very good. One of commendable exercises was the reading of incidents in history and biography by the teacher, and requiring scholars to write the same from memory in their own words, thus cultivating memory and expression while conveying important knowledge. The examination, oral and written, was highly creditable. One of our best schools.

DIST. NO. 12. First term—Length of school, 9 weeks; number of pupils, 10; average, 8. Second term—Length of school, 12 weeks; number of pupils, 9; average, 7. Good order, the prime element of success, prevailed. While the teacher owes everything within her power to the good of the school, parents and citizens are under a moral and economic mandate to place their influence in the right scale.

DIST. NO. 13. First term—Length of school, 9 weeks; number of pupils, 6; average, 6. Second term—Length of school, 11 weeks; number of pupils, 9; average, 8.55. Unquestioned success attended the school. We are inclined to under-rate the significance of these words, success and failure, when applied to our public schools. While the one puts in motion a train of influences for good which will affect a community for many years, the other becomes an unmixed evil, and should be guarded against with an ever watchful eye.

SUMMER TERMS.	Districts.	TEACHERS.	Studies Pursued.								
			Reading.	Spelling.	Pennanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.	Higher Branches.
SUMMER TERMS.	}	1 Flora A. Willard,									
		2 Anna Murphy,									
		3 Mary E. Alden,	5	5	3	5	5	0	0	0	0
		5 Belle E. Washburn,									
		6 Nellie M. Beckwith,	13	11	6	7	3	0	0	0	0
		7 Addie V. Slade,	9	9	4	4	3	0	0	0	0
		8 Effie M. Taylor,	9	9	6	6	3	1	1	1	0
		9 Sarah A. Hodskins,	2	2	1	2	2	1	0	0	0
		10 Sadie L. Duncklee,	5	5	5	5	4	0	0	0	1
		11 Annie L. Thayer,	8	8	6	6	5	1	0	1	0
		12 Emma R. Huntley,	10	10	5	10	5	4	4	0	1
		13 Kate E. Murdough.	6	6	5	5	4	2	0	1	1
		WINTER TERMS.	}	1 Susie F. Ellis,							
2 Juliette Chappell,											
3 Bertha E. Hinkley,	6			6	6	6	6	0	0	0	0
5 Chas. L. Linsley,											
6 Lizzie E. L. Alden,	13			11	5	11	11	0	0	0	0
7 Minnie M. Barrett,	9			9	9	8	4	1	0	3	0
8 Effie M. Taylor,	11			11	9	8	4	1	1	1	0
9 Effie M. Taylor,											
10 Mary E. Wright,	4			4	4	4	4	0	0	0	0
11 Etta A. Newell,	11			11	8	9	6	4	3	4	0
12 Emma R. Huntley,	9			9	3	8	3	4	3	0	1
13 Kate E. Murdough,	9			9	8	9	6	3	1	2	1

SUMMER TERM.

## WINTER TERM.

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The foregoing tables were compiled from the teachers' registers. Questions not answered and registers not returned are represented by blanks.

There was a fall term in Dist. No. 7, taught by Miss Emma Bingham. Average conduct 84.4. Number of visits 24. Instances of tardiness 3. Visits by prudential committee 0. By superintendent of schools 2. Also a fall term in No. 5, by Belle E. Washburn.



Number of children, between five and fifteen, not attending any school, 2

Names of pupils whose conduct during any term has ranked 100: Lena L. Smith, Cleon R. Demerse, Nettie S. Morrison, Celia M. Austin, Walter E. Wilson, Willie J. Kidder, Willie Leonard, Leon M. Osborne, Henry C. Osborne, Addie Royce, Lula E. Smith, Sarah A. Hodskins, Lizzie A. Clark.

Let those scholars whose names do not appear above remember that it is within their power to attain the highest rank, and henceforth make it an object of their ambition.

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## ROLL OF HONOR.

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DISTRICT No. 3. First term: Newton D. Clarke, Effie A. Clarke. Second term: Newton D. Clarke, Effie A. Clarke.

No. 6. First term: Cleon R. Demerse, Chester W. Demerse, Charlie H. Greene, Jay E. Greene, George A. Smith, Angie M. Greene, Grace M. Pratt.

No. 7. First term: Mary S. Cater, Willie W. Clark, Hermon D. Clark. Second term: Cynthia A. Cater, Mary S. Cater, Bertie E. Gates, Jessie C. Gates, Willie W. Clark, Herman D. Clark. Third term: Willie W. Clark, Herman D. Clark.

No. 8. First term: Nettie S. Morrison, Frank A. Kidder. Second term: Nettie S. Morrison, Celia M. Austin.

No. 9. First term: Bertie S. Carter, Prentiss L. Britton.

No. 10. First term: Willie J. Kidder, Willie Leonard, Leon M. Osborne. Second term: Willie J. Kidder.

No. 11. First term: Marion J. Taylor. Second term: Hattie K. Smith, Lula E. Smith.

No. 13. First term: Lizzie A. Clark, Susie A. Clark, Lora A. Washburn, G Duaine Clark. Second term: Lizzie A. Clark, Susie A. Clark, Lora A. Washburn, Roscoe P. Clark, G. Duaine Clark.

## GENERAL REMARKS.

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Number of scholars between five and fifteen years of age reported by the Selectmen, April, 1881: Boys, 92; girls, 70; total, 152.

The school-house in District No. 10 has been thoroughly remodeled, that in No. 12 has received outside repairs. Thus the list of houses unfit for school purposes has been narrowed, but not canceled.

Our teachers have had a larger average experience than for several years past, and having visited every school twice, and in a few instances more, carefully noting progress, we are well satisfied that the general improvement made will meet with public approval.

We have been greatly embarrassed in making these reports by negligence in returning registers, since aggregate statistics cannot be given. Scholars who have made great effort to place their names upon the roll of honor are unjustly disappointed, and we are denied access to much information necessary to make a report satisfactory to ourselves or the districts concerned. No teacher is legally entitled to compensation for services till the register is returned with all entries properly made. In this connection we cannot forbear to commend the example of one teacher who having had charge of nearly a dozen terms during the past six years has never failed to give seasonable notice of the opening and close of school, to properly fill out and seasonably return registers, and to keep us informed of the general condition and progress of her school work.

Attention is called to some of the evils which demand careful consideration: Irregular attendance, involving the loss of time, money, and opportunities; leaving the district school at an early age, just when the mind is best fitted for the rapid acquirement of knowledge; the employment of young and inexperienced teachers, who, though possessed of good literary attainments, often greatly err in judgment; criticising the teacher in the presence of scholars, thereby crippling her influence, and making pupils dissatisfied, and often disorderly; withdrawing from school from motives more akin to impulse than reason; individual dictation, which tends to deny the greatest good to the greatest number, by assuming responsibilities which well regulated society does not impose.

GEO. A. MAYO, *Supt. of Schools.*

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Since completing the foregoing reports, and as we were about sending them away, registers have been received from Nos. 1 and 5.

DISTRICT No. 1. First term.—Length of school, 8 weeks. Number of pupils, 7. Roll of Honor.—Stella M. Slade, Fred. W. C. Slade. Second term.—Length of school, 11 weeks. Number of pupils, 6. Roll of Honor.—Fred. W. C. Slade, Stella M. Slade.

DISTRICT No. 5. First term.—Length of school, 10 weeks. Number of pupils, 19. Roll of Honor.—Merrill J. Wilder, Eddie L. Shepard, Charlie H. Porter, Geo. E. Porter, Mattie E. Hills, Lilla M. Wilder, Rosella M. Smith, Rosie L. Pratt, Gertie J. Porter. Second term.—Length of school, 7 weeks. Number of pupils, 23. Roll of Honor.—Charles W. Hopkins, Charles H. Porter, Lelia D. Hopkins, Mattie E. Hills, Lillie M. Wilder, Bertha A. Linsley. Third term.—Length of school, 12 weeks. Number of pupils, 27. Roll of Honor.—Frank Holt, Walter Linsley, Merrill Wilder, Frank Cross, Eddie Mitchell, Bertha Linsley, Lelia D. Hopkins.



## REPORT, DISTRICT No. 4.

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The summer and fall terms were both taught by Miss Abbie C. Robbe, a teacher of large experience and an excellent disciplinarian. Good improvement was made both terms.

The winter term was taught by W. J. Prentiss. Mr. P. was an earnest and thorough teacher. His explanations were clear and practical, and his general method of instruction was one under which scholars will improve. Better progress was made than is usual in our winter school.

The Primary department was under the care of Miss Nellie M. Fiske, whose merits as a teacher are too well known to need commendation from us. The school met with its usual success the past year.

### STATISTICAL.

#### GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

First term.—Length of school, 9 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 27 ; average, 26. Visitors, 29. Roll of Honor.—Florence Lovell, Addie Thayer, Helen Weeks, Fred. Willard.

Second term.—Length of school, 8 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 26 ; average, 24. Visitors, 16. Roll of Honor.—Florence Lovell, Mabel Turner.

Winter term.—Whole number, 29 ; average, 29. Length of school, 9 weeks. Visitors, 34. Roll of Honor.—Sterlie Anderson, Lester Gove, Harry Prentiss, Harry Webster, Fred. Willard, Carrie Fiske, Florence Lovell, Mabel Ryder, Mabel Turner, Ada Thayer.

#### PRIMARY SCHOOL.

First term.—Length of term, 9 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 27 ; average, 23. Visitors, 38. Roll of Honor.—Alice E. Prentiss, John D. Angier, Harry E. Cooke.

Second term.—Length of school, 8 weeks. Whole number, 27; average, 26. Visitors, 31. Roll of Honor.—Ava B. Turlett, Alice E. Prentiss, John D. Angier, Willie B. Webster, Charles W. Rogers, Almon M. Graves.

Third term.—Length of school, 9 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 24; average, 21. Visitors, 23. Roll of Honor.—Alice E. Prentiss, Albertie Wilder, John D. Angier.

Respectfully submitted.

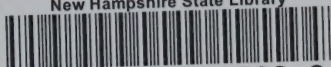
H. D. DICKEY,

*For Board of Education.*





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